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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LABOR DOCUMENTATION

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1. THERE ARE FEW INSTANCES IN RECENT YEARS OF COMMUNIST LABOR DIVISIONIST EFFORTS, DETAILED BELOW. COMMUNISTS GAINED CONTROL OF TRADITIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN FRANCE AND ITALY DURING IMMEDIATE POSTWAR PERIOD, FORCING DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS TO WITHDRAW AND FORM RIVAL ORGANIZATIONS. SINCE THE END OF COLD WAR ERA AND ONSET OF EAST-WEST RAPPROCHEMENT, THE COMMUNIST TACTIC HAS GENERALLY SOUGHT TO INFLUENCE NON-COMMUNIST LABOR THROUGH EMPHASIS ON CALLS FOR "LABOR UNITY."

2. NETHERLANDS. TRADITIONALLY THE NETHERLANDS LABOR MOVEMENT HAS BEEN COMPOSED OF THREE COMPONENTS:

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SOCIALISTS, CATHOLICS, AND PROTESTANTS. AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II, COMMUNISTS TOOK THE LEAD IN ESTABLISHING A SEPERATE FEDERATION, THE UNITY CENTER. BY 1958 THIS ORGANIZATION FELL UNDER THE CONTROL OF A GROUP OF COMMUNIST DISSIDENTS, AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY THEN ESTABLISHED A COMPETING ORGANIZATION, "THE UNITY CENTER -1958." NEITHER GROUP HAD MUCH SUCCESS IN WINNING

ADHERENTS AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY SHORTLY THEREAFTER

ORDERED THE "1958" GROUP TO DISSOLVE SO THAT ITS MEMBERS COULD INFILTRATE THE SOCIALIST-DOMINATED NETHERLANDS FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS. IN 1964 THE ORIGINAL UNITY CENTER ALSO DISBANDED.

3. VENEZUELA. UPON THE DOWNFALL OF THE PEREZ JIMENEZ DICTATORSHIP, THE LABOR ARMS OF THE PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE JUNTA PATRIOTICA FORMED A COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR TRADE UNION UNITY TO RE-ESTABLISH A UNITED LABOR ORGANIZATION. IN DECEMBER, 1959 THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE SPONSORED A NATIONAL CONGRESS WHICH ESTABLISHED THE VENEZUELAN WORKERS CONFEDERATION (CTV). LABOR UNITY WAS SHATTERED IN 1960 WHEN COMMUNISTS AND ALLIED ELEMENTS ATTEMPTED TO CALL A GENERAL STRIKE IN THE NAME OF THE CTV IN ORDER TO OVERTHROW THE BETANCOURT GOVERNMENT AND TAKE OVER CONTROL OF THE LABOR CONFEDERATION. BUT THE COMMUNISTS OVER-ESTIMATED THEIR STRENGTH; THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR ELEMENTS OPPOSED THE STRIKE AND THE COMMUNISTS WERE FORCED TO CALL IT OFF. THIS ABORTIVE EFFORT LED TO A SHARP LOSS IN COMMUNIST LABOR INFLUENCE. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THEIR DWINDLING SUPPORT IN 1962, THE COMMUNISTS WITHDREW FROM THE CTV AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR ESTABLISHED THE UNITARY VENEZUELAN WORKERS CENTER (CUTV). THE CUTV IS AFFILIATED WITH THE WFTU AND IS CURRENTLY AN INSIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN VENEZUELAN LABOR AFFAIRS.

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4. INDIA AND SRI LANKA. FOLLOWING THE SINO-SOVIET CLEAVAGE, THE COMMUNIST LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN THESE COUNTRIES SPLIT INTO COMPETING PRO-MOSCOW AND PRO-PEKING UNIONS, A DIVISION THAT CONTINUES TO THE PRESENT TIME.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU DESIRE FURTHER DETAILS ON SUCH INSTANCES OF INTRA-MURAL COMMUNIST LABOR CONFLICTS. CHRISTOPHER

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